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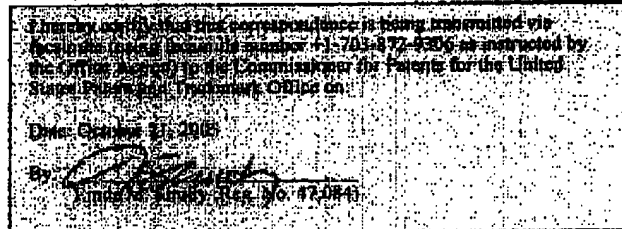
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) : Paul MERTES et al.  
Serial No. : 09/381,056  
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Title : METHOD FOR GENERATING ASYMMETRICAL  
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Art Unit : 2137  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated April 21, 2005, please reconsider the above-identified application based on the following.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.